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SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO CONTINUED BERLIN PARTICIPATION
IN EC PARLIAMENT

REFS: A). 7 ?34)8, 1505, B) BERLIN 6311

1. WEST BERLIN PRESS CARRIED REPORTS OVER WEEKEND
OF ADDITIONAL BORADCAST FROM SOVIET GERMAN LANGUAGE
RADIO STATION "PEACE AND PROGRESS" ATTACKING PLANS FOR
BERLIN'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN EC PARLIAMENT AFTER
DIRECT ELECTIONS ARE INSTITUTUTED IN 1978 FOR ALL
REPRESENTATIVES EXCEPT THOSE FROM CITY. BROADCAST
WHICH WAS APPARENTLY SECOND IN AS MANY DAYS ON SUBJECT
WAS LIKE FIRST (REF A) VAGUELY MENACING IN TONE, BUT IT
AVOIDED SPECIFICS ON WHAT SOVIET REACTION MIGHT
EVENTUALLY BE.

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2. STATION ASSERTED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THAT

"HOPES THAT THE PLANS TO DRAW WEST BERLIN INTO WEST EUROPEAN POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTEGRATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED UNHINDERED ARE, TO PUT IT MIDLY, IRRESPONSIBLE SINCE THEY CONTAIN CONSEQUENCES WHICH ONE SHOULD THINK OVER IN ADVANCE." STATION SAID THAT "EVERY SENSIBLE POLITICIAN MUST COMPREHEND THAT ALL MEASURES WHICH WOULD PRODUCE A COLLOSION WITH THE BASIC DOCUMENTS UPON WHICH THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE CITY RESTS OUGHT NOT TO BE LIGHTLY UNDERTAKEN." TAKING A SPECIFIC ISSUE WITH GERMAN POLITICIANS, NOTABLY CHAIRMAN OF CDU FRAKTION IN BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LUMMER, WHO HAD CRITICIZED INITIAL BORADCAST AS UNWARRANTED SOVIET INTERFERENCE, STATION DEFENDED MOSCOW'S RIGHT TO EXPRESS POSITION ON ALL WEST BERLIN MATTERS. IT ADDED THT "ONE SHOULD NOT FORGET WHAT WEST BERLIN IS AND WHERE THE CITY IS LOCATED." COMMENTARY CONCLUDED WITH FLAT STATEMENT THAT "WEST BERLIN CAN AND WILL NOT BE SUBORDINATED TO THE ORGANS OF THE EC. ITS CITIZENS WILL NOT BE CITIZENS OF THE EC. THE ATTEMPT TO REALIZE SUCH GOALS WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT TO THWART THE EXISTING POLITICAL AND LEGAL SITUATION OF THE WEST BERLIN QUESTION. ONLY NAIVE PEOPLE CAN SUPPOSE THAT THIS WOULD REMAIN WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES."

3. COMMENT: THIS FOLLOW-UP COMMENTARY INCREASES IN OUR VIEW POTENTIAL DESIRABILITY OF ALLIED APPROACH SUCH AS SUGGESTED REF A TO ADVISE OSOVIETS OF MODERATE AND ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE NATURE OF ALLIED DECISION ON DIRECT ELECTIONS BEFORE SOVIETS LOCK THEMSELVES INTO TOO TOUGH A PUBLIC POSTURE. GEORGE

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